

# 8208 DYNAMIC RAM CONTROLLER

- 0 Wait State, 8 Mhz IAPX 286, IAPX 186/188, and IAPX 86/88 Interface
- Provides all Signals necessary to Control 64k and 256k Dynamic RAMs
- Support Synchronous or Asynchronous Microprocessor Interfaces
- Automatic RAM Warm-up
- Performs Early Write Cycles
- IAPX 286 CFS = 1 (fast cycle)  
8208-16 4-16 MHz  
8208-12 4-12 MHz
- IAPX 86/186 CFS = 0 (slow cycle)  
8208 2-8 MHz  
8208-6 2-6 MHz
- Directly Addresses and Drives up to 1 Megabyte without External Drivers

The Intel 8208 Dynamic RAM Controller is a high performance, systems oriented, Dynamic RAM controller that is designed to easily interface 64k and 256k Dynamic RAMs to Intel and other microprocessors. It is a 48 pin single-port version of the dual-port 8207.

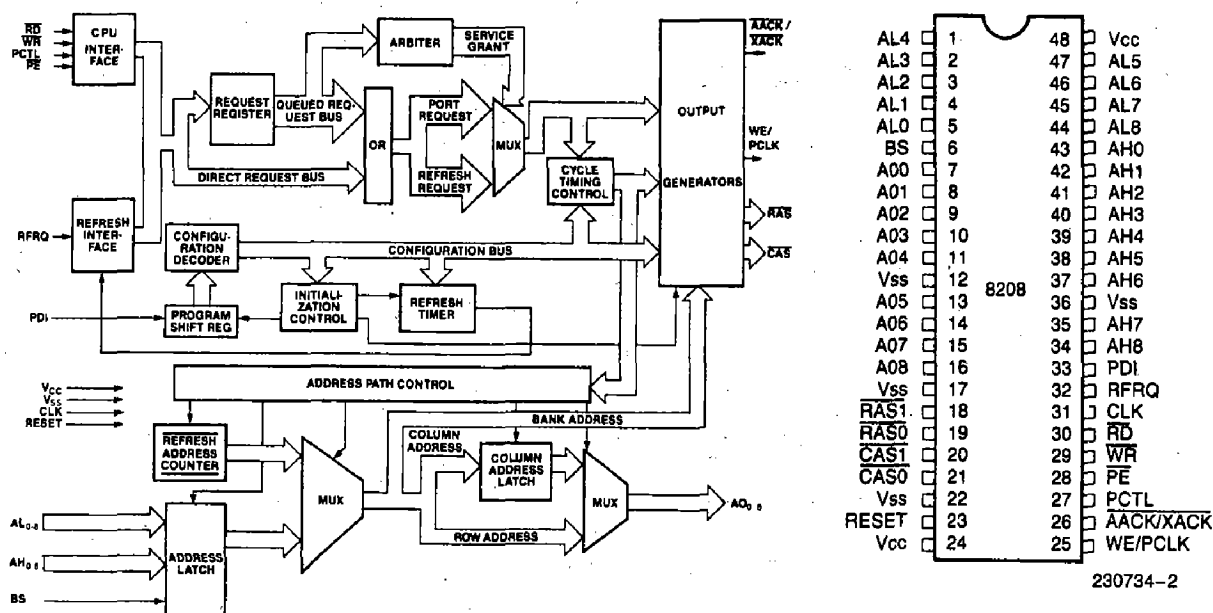


Table 1. Pin Description

Symbol	Pin	Type	Name and Function
AL0 AL1 AL2 AL3 AL4 AL5 AL6 AL7 AL8	5 4 3 2 1 47 46 45 44	I I I I I I I I I	<b>ADDRESS LOW:</b> These low order address inputs are used to generate the row address for the internal address multiplexer. In iAPX 286 mode (CFS = 1), these addresses are latched internally.
BS	6	I	
AO0 AO1 AO2 AO3 AO4 AO5 AO6 AO7 AO8	7 8 9 10 11 13 14 15 16	O O O O O O O O O	
VSS	12 17 22 36	I I I I	
<u>RAS0</u> RAST	19 18	O O	
<u>CAS0</u> CAS1	21 20	O O	
RESET	23	I	
WE/ PCLK	25	O	
VCC	24 48	I I	

Table 1. Pin Description (Continued)

Symbol	Pin	Type	Name and Function
AACK/ XACK	26	O	<b>ADVANCE ACKNOWLEDGE/TRANSFER ACKNOWLEDGE:</b> When the X programming bit is set to logic 0 this pin is AACK and indicates that the processor may continue processing and that data will be available when required. This signal is optimized for the system by programming the S program-bit for synchronous or asynchronous operation. The S programming bit determines whether this strobe will be early or late. If another dynamic RAM cycle is in progress at the time of the new request, the AACK is delayed. When the X programming bit is set to logic 1 this pin is XACK and indicates that data on the bus is valid during a read cycle or that data may be removed from the bus during a write cycle. XACK is a MULTIBUS compatible signal. (See Figure 5)
PCTL	27	I	<b>PORT CONTROL:</b> This pin is sampled on the falling edge of RESET. It configures the 8208 to accept command inputs or processor status inputs. If PCTL is low after RESET the 8208 is programmed to accept bus/MULTIBUS command inputs or iAPX 286 status inputs. If PCTL is high after RESET the 8208 is programmed to accept status inputs from iAPX 86 or iAPX 186 type processors. The S2 status line should be connected to this input if programmed to accept iAPX 86 or iAPX 186 status inputs. When programmed to accept bus commands or iAPX 286 status inputs, it should be tied low or it may be connected to INHIBIT when operating with MULTIBUS.
PE	28	I	<b>PORT ENABLE:</b> This pin serves to enable a RAM cycle request. It is generally decoded from the address bus.
WR	29	I	<b>WRITE:</b> This pin is the write memory request command input. This input also directly accepts the S0 status line from Intel processors.
RD	30	I	<b>READ:</b> This pin is the read memory request command input. This input also directly accepts the S1 status line from Intel processors.
CLK	31	I	<b>CLOCK:</b> This input provides the basic timing for sequencing the internal logic. This clock requires MOS levels.
RFRQ	32	I	<b>REFRESH REQUEST:</b> This input is sampled on the falling edge of RESET. If RFRQ is high at RESET then the 8208 is programmed for internal-refresh request or external-refresh request with failsafe protection. If RFRQ is low at RESET then the 8208 is programmed for external-refresh without failsafe protection or burst-refresh. Once programmed the RFRQ pin accepts signals to start an external-refresh with failsafe protection or external-refresh without failsafe protection or a burst-refresh.
PDI	33	I	<b>PROGRAM DATA INPUT:</b> This input is sampled by RESET going low. It programs the various user selectable options in the 8208. The PCLK pin shifts programming data into the PDI input from an external shift register. This pin may be strapped low to a default iAPX 186 mode configuration or high to a default iAPX 286 mode configuration.
AH0 AH1 AH2 AH3 AH4 AH5 AH6 AH7 AH8	43 42 41 40 39 38 37 35 34	I I I I I I I I I	<b>ADDRESS HIGH:</b> These higher order address inputs are used to generate the column address for the internal address multiplexer. In iAPX 286 mode, these addresses are latched internally.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Intel 8208 Dynamic RAM Controller is a micro-computer peripheral device which provides the necessary signals to address, refresh and directly drive 64k and 256k dynamic RAMs.

The 8208 supports several microprocessor interface options including synchronous and asynchronous operations for iAPX 286, iAPX 186/188, iAPX 86/88 and MULTIBUS.

## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

### Processor Interface

The 8208 has control circuitry capable of supporting one of several possible bus structures. The 8208 may be programmed to run synchronous or asynchronous to the processor clock. (See Synchronous/Asynchronous Mode.) The 8208 has been

optimized to run synchronously with Intel's iAPX 286, iAPX 186/188, and iAPX 86/88. When the 8208 is programmed to run in asynchronous mode, the 8208 inserts the necessary synchronization circuitry for the  $\overline{RD}$ ,  $\overline{WR}$ ,  $\overline{PE}$ , and  $\overline{PCTL}$  inputs.

The 8208 achieves high performance (i.e. no wait states) by decoding the status lines directly from the iAPX 286, iAPX 186/188, and the iAPX 86/88. The 8208 can also be programmed to receive read or write MULTIBUS commands or commands from a bus controller. (See Status/Command Mode.)

The 8208 may be programmed to accept the clock of any Intel microprocessor. The 8208 adjusts its internal timing to allow for different clock frequencies of these microprocessors. (See Microprocessor Clock Frequency Option.)

Figure 2 shows the different processor interfaces to the 8208 using the synchronous or asynchronous mode and status or command interface.

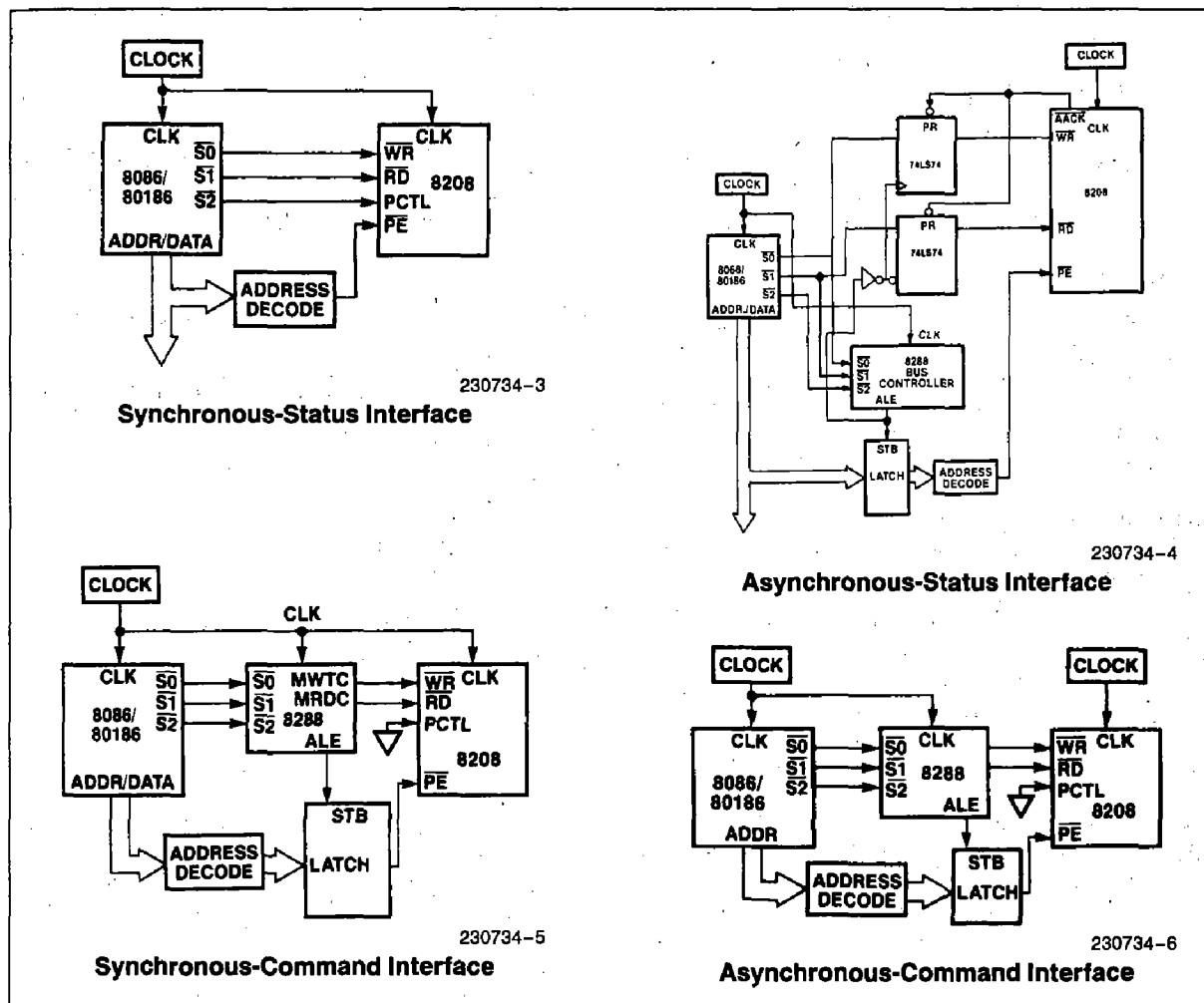


Figure 2A. Slow-Cycle (CFS = 0) Interfaces Supported by the 8208

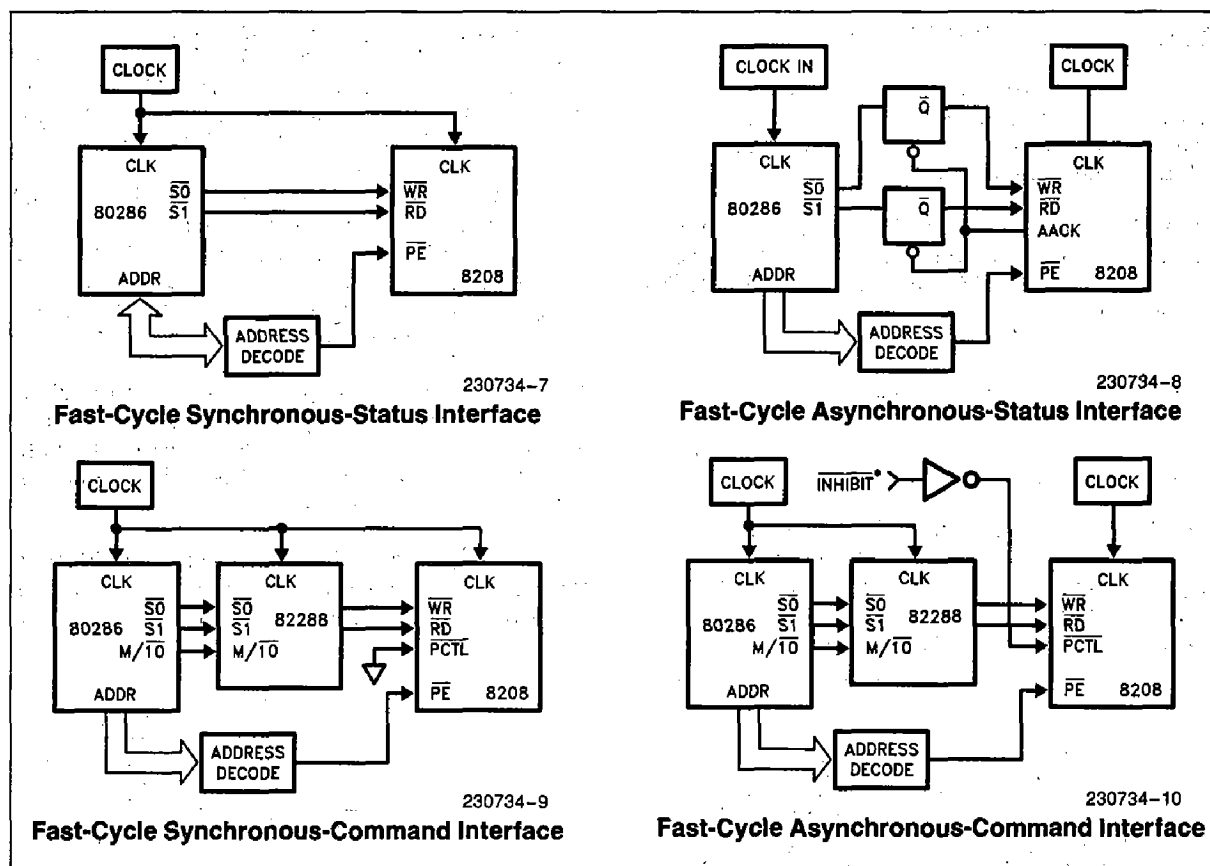


Figure 2B. Fast-cycle (CFS = 1) Port Interfaces Supported by the 8208

## Dynamic RAM Interface

The 8208 is capable of addressing 64k and 256k dynamic RAMs. Figure 3 shows the connection of the processor address bus to the 8208 using the different RAMs. The 8208 directly supports the 2164A RAM family or any RAM with similar timing requirements and responses.

The 8208 divides memory into two banks, each bank having its own Row (RAS) and Column (CAS) Address Strobe pair. This organization permits RAM cycle interleaving. RAM cycle interleaving overlaps the start of the next RAM cycle with the RAM precharge period of the previous cycle. Hiding the precharge period of one RAM cycle behind the data access period of the next RAM cycle optimizes memory bandwidth and is effective as long as successive RAM cycles occur in the alternate banks.

Successive data access to the same bank cause the 8208 to wait for the precharge time of the previous RAM cycle. But when the 8208 is programmed in an iAPX 186 synchronous configuration consecutive read cycles to the same bank does not result in additional wait states (i.e. 0 wait state reads result).

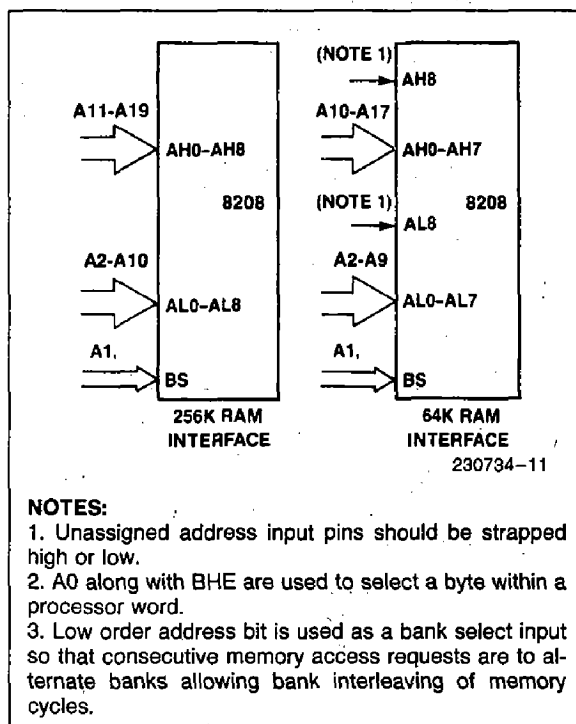


Figure 3. Processor Address Interface to the 8208 Using 64k, and 256k, RAMS

If not all RAM banks are occupied, the 8208 reassigns the RAS and CAS strobes to allow using wider data words without increasing the loading on the RAS and CAS drivers. Table 2 shows the bank selection decoding and the horizontal word expansion, including RAS and CAS assignments. For example, if only one RAM bank is occupied, then the two RAS and CAS strobes are activated with the same timing.

**Table 2. Bank Selection Decoding and Word Expansion**

Program Bit RB	Bank Input BS	8208
		RAS/CAS Pair Allocation
0	0	RAS <sub>0,1</sub> , CAS <sub>0,1</sub> to Bank 0
0	1	Illegal
1	0	RAS <sub>0</sub> , CAS <sub>0</sub> to Bank 0
1	1	RAS <sub>1</sub> , CAS <sub>1</sub> to Bank 1

Program bit RB is not used to check the bank select input BS. The system design must protect from accesses to "illegal", non-existent banks of memory by deactivating the PE input when addressing an "illegal", non-existent bank of memory.

The 8208 adjusts and optimizes internal timings for either the fast or slow RAMs as programmed. (See RAM Speed Option.)

## Memory Initialization

After programming, the 8208 performs eight RAM "wake-up" cycles to prepare the dynamic RAM for proper device operation.

## Refresh

The 8208 provides an internal refresh interval counter and a refresh address counter to allow the 8208 to refresh memory. The 8208 will refresh 128 rows every 2 milliseconds or 256 rows every 4 milliseconds, which allows all RAM refresh options to be supported. In addition, there exists the ability to refresh 256 row address locations every 2 milliseconds via the Refresh Period programming option.

The 8208 may be programmed for any of five different refresh options: Internal refresh only, External refresh with failsafe protection, External refresh without failsafe protection, Burst Refresh modes, or no refresh. (See Refresh Options.)

It is possible to decrease the refresh time interval by 10%, 20% or 30%. This option allows the 8208 to compensate for reduced clock frequencies. Note

that an additional 5% interval shortening is built-in in all refresh interval options to compensate for clock variations and non-immediate response to the internally generated refresh request. (See Refresh Period Options.)

## External Refresh Requests after RESET

External refresh requests are not recognized by the 8208 until after it is finished programming and preparing memory for access. Memory preparation includes 8 RAM cycles to prepare and ensure proper dynamic RAM operation. The time it takes for the 8208 to recognize a request is shown below.

eq. 8208 System Response:

$$TRESP = TPROG + TPREP$$

where: TPROG = (40) (TCLCL) which is programming time

TPREP = (8) (32) (TCLCL) which is the RAM warm-up time

if TCLCL = 125 ns then TRESP = 37 us

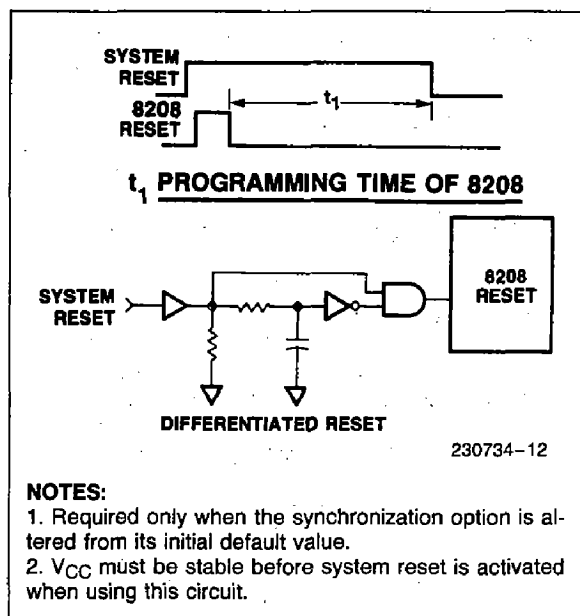
## Reset

RESET is an asynchronous input, the falling edge of which is used by the 8208 to directly sample the logic levels of the PCTL, RFRQ, and PDI inputs. The internally synchronized falling edge of reset is used to begin programming operations (shifting in the contents of the external shift register, if needed, into the PDI input).

Differentiated reset is unnecessary when the default synchronization programming is used.

Until programming is complete the 8208 registers but does not respond to command or status inputs. A simple means of preventing commands or status from occurring during this period is to differentiate the system reset pulse to obtain a smaller reset pulse for the 8208. The total time of the 8208 reset pulse and the 8208 programming time must be less than the time before the first command the CPU issues in systems that alter the default port synchronization programming bit (default is synchronous interface).

The differentiated reset pulse would be shorter than the system reset pulse by at least the programming period required by the 8208. The differentiated reset pulse first resets the 8208, and system reset would reset the rest of the system. While the rest of the system is still in reset, the 8208 completes its programming. Figure 4 illustrates a circuit to accomplish this task.



**Figure 4. 8208 Differentiated Reset Circuit**

Within four clocks after RESET goes active, all the 8208 outputs will go high, except for AO0-2, which will go low.

## OPERATIONAL DESCRIPTION

### Programming the 8208

The 8208 is programmed after reset. On the falling edge of RESET, the logic states of several input pins are latched internally. The falling edge of RESET actually performs the latching, which means that the logic levels on these inputs must be stable prior to that time. The inputs whose logic levels are latched at the end of reset are the PCTL, REFRQ, and PDI pins.

### Status/Command Mode

The processor port of the 8208 is configured by the states of the PCTL pin. Which interface is selected depends on the state of the PCTL pin at the end of reset. If PCTL is high at the end of reset, the 8086/80186 Status interface is selected; if it is low, then the MULTIBUS or Command interface is selected.

The status lines of the 80286 are similar in code and timing to the Multibus command lines, while the status code and timing of the 8086 and 8088 are identical to those of the 80186 and 80188 (ignoring the differences in clock duty cycle). Thus there exists two interface configurations, one for the 80286 status or Multibus memory commands, which is called the Command interface, and one for 8086,

8088, 80186 or 80188 status, called the 8086 Status interface. The Command interface can also directly interface to the command lines of the bus controllers for the 8086, 8088, 80186 and the 80286.

The 80186 Status interface allows direct decoding of the status lines for the iAPX 86, iAPX 88, iAPX 186 and the iAPX 188. Table 3 shows how the status lines are decoded. Microprocessor bus controller read or write commands or MULTIBUS commands can also be directed to the 8208 when in Command mode.

**Table 3A. Status Coding of 8086, 80186 and 80286**

Status Code			Function	
S2	S1	S0	8086/80186	80286*
0	0	0	INTERRUPT	INTERRUPT
0	0	1	I/O READ	I/O READ
0	1	0	I/O WRITE	I/O WRITE
0	1	1	HALT	IDLE
1	0	0	INSTRUCTION FETCH	HALT
1	0	1	MEMORY READ	MEMORY READ
1	1	0	MEMORY WRITE	MEMORY WRITE
1	1	1	IDLE	IDLE

\* Refer 80286 pin description table

**Table 3B. 8208 Response**

8208 Command			Function	
PCTL	RD	WR	8086/80186 Status Interface	80286 Status or Command Interface
0	0	0	IGNORE	IGNORE*
0	0	1	IGNORE	READ
0	1	0	IGNORE	WRITE
0	1	1	IGNORE	IGNORE
1	0	0	READ	IGNORE
1	0	1	READ	INHIBIT
1	1	0	WRITE	INHIBIT
1	1	1	IGNORE	IGNORE

\*Illegal with CFS = 0

### Refresh Options

Immediately after system reset, the state of the REFRQ input pin is examined. If REFRQ is high, the 8208 provides the user with the choice between self-refresh and user-generated refresh with failsafe protection. Failsafe protection guarantees that if the user does not come back with another refresh

request before the internal refresh interval counter times out, a refresh request will be automatically generated. If the REFRQ pin is low immediately after a reset, then the user has the choice of a single external refresh cycle without failsafe, burst refresh or no refresh.

### Internal Refresh Only

For the 8208 to generate internal refresh requests, it is necessary only to strap the REFRQ input pin high.

### External Refresh with Failsafe

To allow user-generated refresh requests with failsafe protection, it is necessary to hold the REFRQ input high until after reset. Thereafter, a low-to-high transition on this input causes a refresh request to be generated and the internal refresh interval counter to be reset. A high-to-low transition has no effect on the 8208. A refresh request is not recognized until a previous request has been serviced.

### External Refresh without Failsafe

To generate single external refresh requests without failsafe protection, it is necessary to hold REFRQ low until after reset. Thereafter, bringing REFRQ high for one clock period will cause a refresh request to be generated. A refresh request is not recognized until a previous request has been serviced.

### Burst Refresh

Burst refresh is implemented through the same procedure as a single external refresh without failsafe (i.e., REFRQ is kept low until after reset). Thereafter, bringing REFRQ high for at least two clock periods will cause a burst of up to 128 row address locations to be refreshed. Any refresh request is not recognized until a previous request has been serviced (i.e. burst is completed).

### No Refresh

It is necessary to hold REFRQ low until after reset. This is the same as programming External Refresh without Failsafe. No refresh is accomplished by keeping REFRQ low.

### Option Program Data Word

The program data word consists of 9 program data bits, PD0–PD8. If the first program data bit, PD0 is set to logic 0, the 8208 is configured to support iAPX

186, 188, 86, or 88 systems. The remaining bits, PD1–PD8, may then be programmed to optimize a selected system configuration. A default of all zeros in the remaining program bits optimizes the 8208 timing for 8 MHz Intel CPUs using 150 ns (or faster) dynamic RAMs with no performance penalty.

If the first program data bit is set to logic 1, the 8208 is configured to support iAPX 286 systems (Command mode). A default of all ones in the program bits optimizes the 8208 timing for an 8 MHz 286 using 120 ns DRAMs at zero wait states. Note that the programming bits PD1–8 change polarity according to PD0. This ensures the same choice of options for both default modes.

Figure 5 shows the various options that can be programmed into the 8208.

Figure 5. Program Data Word

Program Data Bit	Name		Polarity/Function
	PD0 = 0	PD0 = 1	
PD0	CFS	CFS	CFS = 0 SLOW CYCLE CFS = 1 FAST CYCLE
PD1	$\overline{S}$	S	$\overline{S} = 0$ SYNCHRONOUS* $\overline{S} = 1$ ASYNCHRONOUS
PD2	$\overline{RFS}$	RFS	$\overline{RFS} = 0$ FAST RAM* $\overline{RFS} = 1$ SLOW RAM
PD3	$\overline{RB}$	RB	RAM BANK OCCUPANCY SEE TABLE 2
PD4	CI1	$\overline{CI1}$	COUNT INTERVAL BIT 1; SEE TABLE 6 COUNT INTERVAL BIT 0; SEE TABLE 6
PD5	CI0	$\overline{CI0}$	
PD6	$\overline{PLS}$	PLS	$\overline{PLS} = 0$ LONG REFRESH PERIOD* $\overline{PLS} = 1$ SHORT REFRESH PERIOD
PD7	FFS	FFS	$\overline{FFS} = 0$ FAST CPU FREQUENCY* $\overline{FFS} = 1$ SLOW CPU FREQUENCY
PD8	X	$\overline{X}$	X = 0 $\overline{AACK}$ * X = 1 XACK

\* Default in both modes

### Using an External Shift Register

The 8208 may be programmed by using an external shift register with asynchronous load capability such as a 74LS165. The reset pulse serves to parallel load the shift register and the 8208 supplies the clocking signal (PCLK) to shift the data into the PDI



After reset, the 8208 serially shifts in a program data word via the PDI pin. This pin may be strapped low or high, or connected to an external shift register. Strapping PDI low causes the 8208 to default to the iAPX 186 system configuration, while high causes a



default to the iAPX 286 configuration. Table 4 shows the characteristics of the default configuration. If further system flexibility is needed, one external shift register, like a 74LS165, can be used to tailor the 8208 to its operating environment.

**Table 4. Default Programming**

Synchronous interface
Fast RAM (Note 1)
2 RAM banks occupied
Refresh interval uses 118 clocks
128 row refresh in 2 ms; 256 row refresh in 4 ms
Fast processor clock frequency (8 MHz)
Advanced ACK strobe

**NOTE:**

1. For iAPX 86/186 systems either slow or fast (150 or 100 ns) RAMS will run at 8 MHz with zero wait states.

## Synchronous/Asynchronous Mode (S program bit)

The 8208 may be independently configured to accept synchronous or asynchronous commands ( $\overline{RD}$ ,  $\overline{WR}$ ,  $\overline{PCTL}$ ) and Port Enable ( $\overline{PE}$ ) via the S program bit. The state of the S programming bit determines whether the interface is synchronous or asynchronous.

While the 8208 may be configured with either the Status or Command (MULTIBUS) interface in the Synchronous mode, certain restrictions exist in the Asynchronous mode. An Asynchronous-Command interface using the control lines of the MULTIBUS is supported, and an Asynchronous-80186 Status interface using the status lines of the 80186 is supported, with the use of TTL gates as illustrated in Figure 2. In the 80186 case, the TTL gates are needed to guarantee that status does not appear at the 8208's inputs too much before address, so that a cycle would start before address was valid.

## Microprocessor Clock Cycle Option (CFS and FFS program bits)

The 8208 is programmed to interface with microprocessors with "slow cycle" timing like the 8086, 8088, 80186, and 80188, and with "fast cycle" microprocessors like the 286. The CFS bit is used to select the appropriate timing.

The FFS option is used to select the speed of the microprocessor clock. Table 5 shows the various microprocessor clock frequency options that can be programmed. The external clock frequency must be programmed so that the failsafe refresh repetition

circuitry can adjust its internal timing accordingly to produce a refresh request as programmed.

**Table 5. Microprocessor Clock Frequency Options**

Program Bits		Processor	Clock Frequency
CFS	FFS		
0	0	iAPX 86, 88, 186, 188	5 MHz
0	1	iAPX 86, 88, 186, 188	8 MHz
1	0	iAPX 286	10 MHz
1	1	iAPX 286	16 MHz

## RAM Speed Option (RFS program bit)

The RAM Speed programming option determines whether RAM timing will be optimized for a fast or slow RAM. Whether a RAM is fast or slow is measured relative to 100 ns DRAMs (fast) or 150 ns DRAMs (slow). This option is only a factor in Command Mode (CFS = 1).

## Refresh Period Options (CI0, CI1 and PLS program bits)

The 8208 refreshes with either 128 rows every 2 milliseconds or with 256 rows every 4 milliseconds. This translates to one refresh cycle being executed approximately once every 15.6 microseconds. This rate can be changed to 256 rows every 2 milliseconds or a refresh approximately once every 7.8 microseconds via the Period Long/Short, program bit PLS, programming option.

The Count Interval 0 (CI0) and Count Interval 1 (CI1) programming options allow the rate at which refresh requests are generated to be increased in order to permit refresh requests to be generated close to the 15.6 or 7.8 microsecond period when the 8208 is operating at reduced frequencies. The interval between refreshes is decreased by 0%, 10%, 20%, or 30% as a function of how the count interval bits are programmed. A 5% guardband is built-in to allow for any clock frequency variations. Table 6 shows the refresh period options available.

The numbers tabulated under Count Interval represent the number of clock periods between internal refresh requests. The percentages in parentheses represent the decrease in the interval between refresh requests. Note that all intervals have a built-in 5% (approximately) safety factor to compensate for minor clock frequency deviations and non-immediate response to internal refresh requests.

Table 6. Refresh Count Interval Table

Ref. Period ( $\mu$ S)	CFS	PLS	FFS	Count Interval C11, C10 (8208 Clock Periods)			
				00 (0%)	01 (10%)	10 (20%)	11 (30%)
15.6	1	1	1	236	212	188	164
7.8	1	0	1	118	106	94	82
15.6	1	1	0	148	132	116	100
7.8	1	0	0	74	66	58	50
15.6	0	1	1	118	106	94	82
7.8	0	0	1	59	53	47	41
15.6	0	1	0	74	66	58	50
7.8	0	0	0	37	33	29	25

## Processor Timing

In order to run without wait states,  $\overline{\text{AACK}}$  must be used and connected to the  $\overline{\text{SRDY}}$  input of the appropriate bus controller.  $\overline{\text{AACK}}$  is issued relative to a point within the RAM cycle and has no fixed relationship to the processor's request. The timing is such, however, that the processor will run without wait states, barring refresh cycles. In slow cycle, fast RAM configurations (8086, 80186),  $\overline{\text{AACK}}$  is issued on the same clock cycle that issues  $\overline{\text{RAS}}$ .

Port Enable ( $\overline{\text{PE}}$ ) set-up time requirements depend on whether the 8208 is configured for synchronous or asynchronous, fast or slow cycle operation. In a synchronous fast cycle configuration,  $\overline{\text{PE}}$  is required to be set-up to the same clock edge as the commands. If  $\overline{\text{PE}}$  is true (low), a RAM cycle is started; if not, the cycle is not started until the  $\overline{\text{RD}}$  or  $\overline{\text{WR}}$  line goes inactive.

In asynchronous operation,  $\overline{\text{PE}}$  is required to be set-up to the same clock edge as the internally synchronized status or commands. Externally, this allows the internal synchronization delay to be added to the

status (or command) -to- $\overline{\text{PE}}$  delay time, thus allowing for more external decode time than is available in synchronous operation.

The minimum synchronization delay is the additional amount that  $\overline{\text{PE}}$  must be held valid. If  $\overline{\text{PE}}$  is not held valid for the maximum synchronization delay time, it is possible that  $\overline{\text{PE}}$  will go invalid prior to the status or command being synchronized. In such a case the 8208 does not start a memory cycle. If a memory cycle intended for the 8208 is not started, then no acknowledge ( $\overline{\text{AACK}}$  or  $\overline{\text{XACK}}$ ) is issued and the processor locks up in endless wait states.

## Memory Acknowledge ( $\overline{\text{AACK}}$ , $\overline{\text{XACK}}$ )

Two types of memory acknowledge signals are supplied by the 8208. They are the Advanced Acknowledge strobe ( $\overline{\text{AACK}}$ ) and the Transfer Acknowledge strobe ( $\overline{\text{XACK}}$ ). The S programming bit optimizes  $\overline{\text{AACK}}$  for synchronous operation ("early"  $\overline{\text{AACK}}$ ) or asynchronous operation ("late"  $\overline{\text{AACK}}$ ). Both the early and late  $\overline{\text{AACK}}$  strobes are two clocks long for CFS = 0 and three clocks long for CFS = 1.

The  $\overline{\text{XACK}}$  strobe is asserted when data is valid (for reads) or when data may be removed (for writes) and meets the MULTIBUS requirements.  $\overline{\text{XACK}}$  is removed asynchronously by the command going inactive.

Since in an asynchronous operation the 8208 removes read data before late  $\overline{\text{AACK}}$  or  $\overline{\text{XACK}}$  is recognized by the CPU, the user must provide for data latching in the system until the CPU reads the data. In synchronous operation data latching is unnecessary, since the 8208 will not remove data until the CPU has read it.

If the X programming bit is high, the strobe is configured as  $\overline{\text{XACK}}$ , while if the bit is low, the strobe is configured as  $\overline{\text{AACK}}$ .

Data will always be valid a fixed time after the occurrence of the advanced acknowledge. Thus, the advanced acknowledge may also serve as a RAM cycle timing indicator.

Table 7. Memory Acknowledge Summary

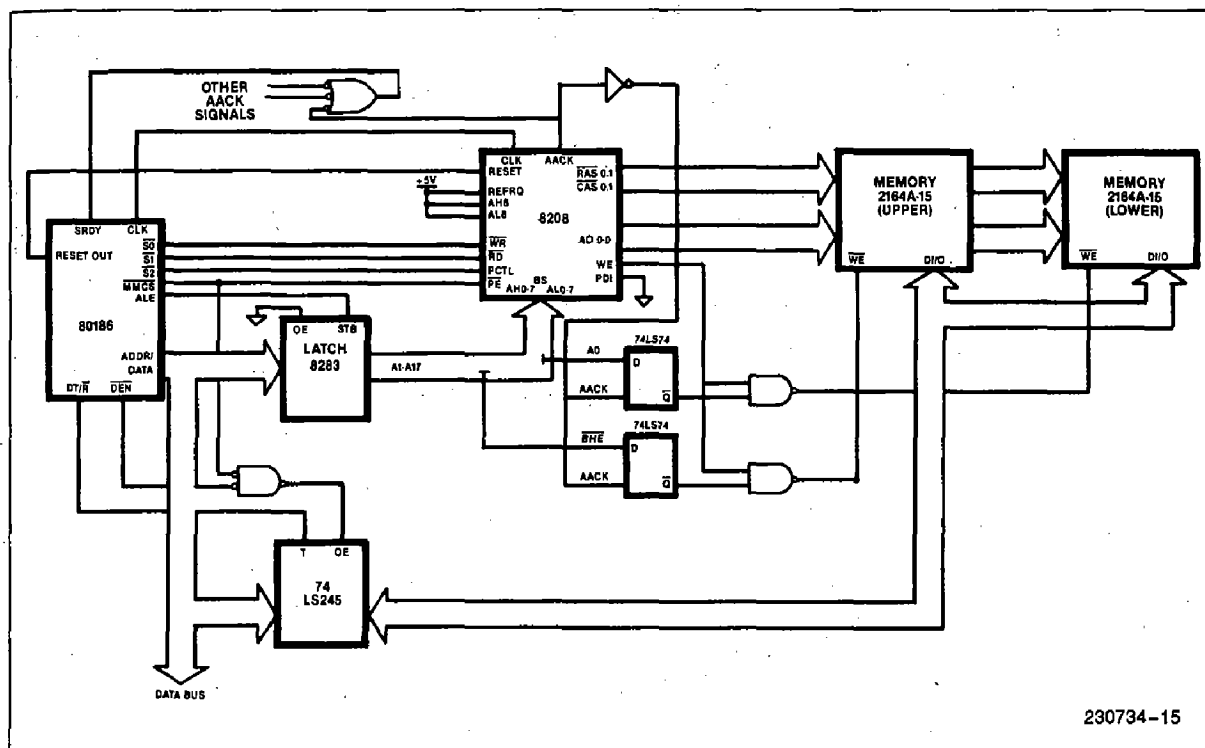
	Synchronous	Asynchronous	$\overline{\text{XACK}}$
Fast Cycle	$\overline{\text{AACK}}$ Optimized for Local 80286 (early)	$\overline{\text{AACK}}$ Optimized for Remote 80286 (late)	Multibus Compatible
Slow Cycle	$\overline{\text{AACK}}$ Optimized for Local 8086/186 (early)	$\overline{\text{AACK}}$ Optimized for Remote 8086/186 (late)	Multibus Compatible

## General System Considerations

1. The RAS0, 1, CAS0, 1 and AO0-8 output buffers are designed to directly drive the heavy capacitive loads associated with dynamic RAM arrays. To keep the RAM driver outputs from ringing excessively in the system environment it is necessary to match the output impedance with the RAM array by using series resistors. Each application may have different impedance characteristics and may require different series resistance values. The series resistance values should be determined for each application.
2. Although the 8208 has programmable options, in practice there are only a few choices the designer must make. For iAPX 86/186 systems (CFS = 0), the C2 default mode (pin 33 tied low) is the best choice. This permits zero wait states at 8 MHz with

150 ns DRAM's. The only consideration is the refresh rate, which must be programmed if the CPU is run at less than 8 MHz.

For iAPX 286 systems (CFS = 1) the designer must choose between configuration C0 (RFS = 0) and C1 (RFS = 1, FFS = 0). C0 permits zero wait state, 8 MHz iAPX 286 operation with 120 ns DRAM's. However, for consecutive reads, this performance depends upon interleaving between two banks. The C1 configuration trades off 1 wait state performance for the ability to use 150 ns DRAM's. 150 ns DRAMs can be supported by the C0 configuration using 7 MHz iAPX 286. Finally, for non-Intel processors the usual choice is asynchronous, command mode (C0), since status lines are not available. Typically, to minimize the 8208's synchronization delay, the 8208 would be run as fast as possible.



### Figure 8A. 8208 Interface to an 80186

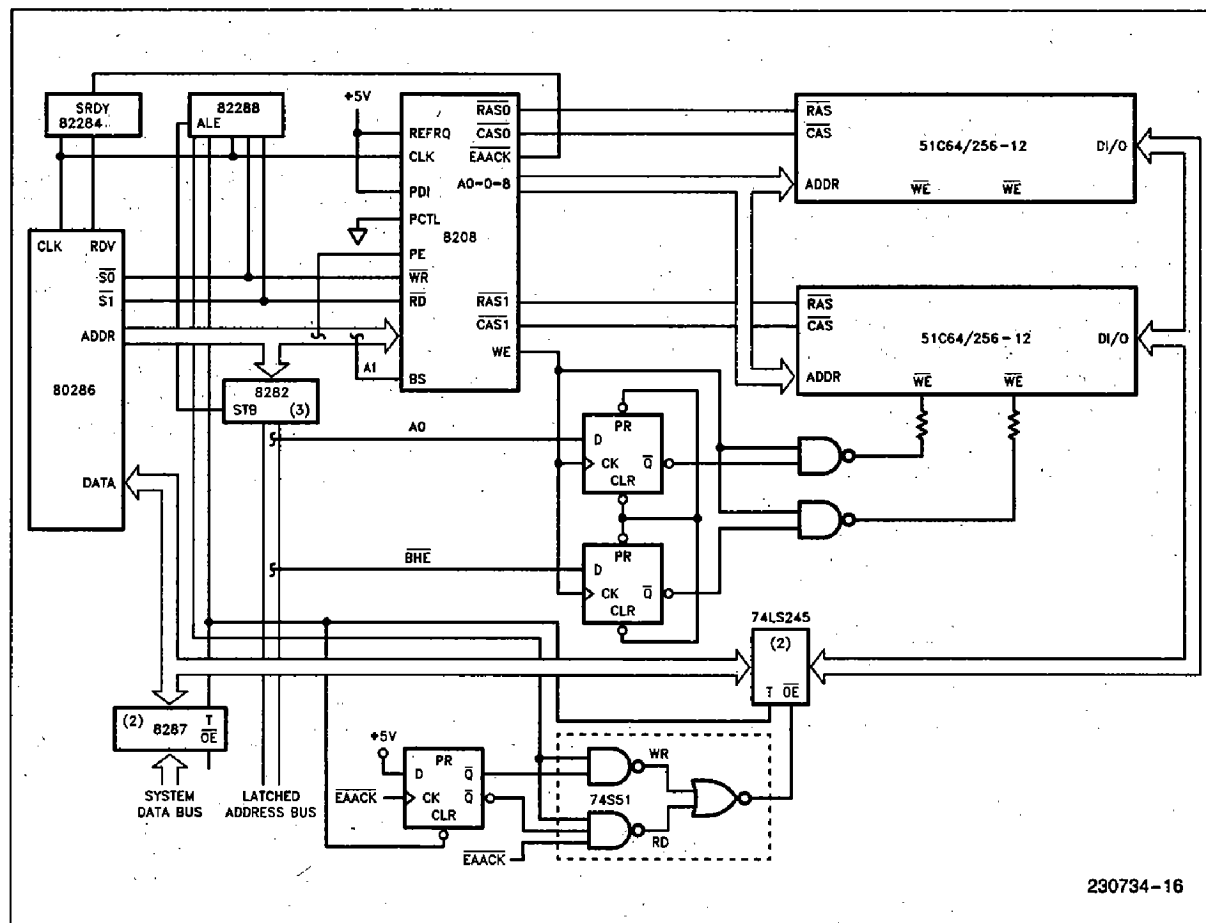


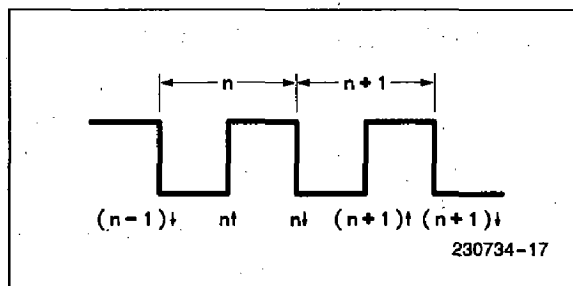
Figure 8B. 8208 Interface to IAPX 286

## Configuration Charts

The 8208 operates in three basic configurations—C0, C1, C2—depending upon the programming of CFS (PD0), RFS (PD2), and FFS (PD7). Table 8 shows these configurations. These modes determine the clock edges for the 8208's programmable signals, as shown in Table 9. Finally, Table 10 gives the programmable AC parameters of the 8208 as a function of configuration. The non-programmable parameters are listed under AC Characteristics.

## Using the Timing Charts

The notation used to indicate which clock edge triggers an output transition is " $n \uparrow$ " or " $n \downarrow$ ", where " $n$ " is the number of clock periods that have passed since clock 0, the reference clock, and " $\uparrow$ " refers to rising edge and " $\downarrow$ " to falling edge. A clock period is defined as the interval from a clock falling edge to the following falling edge. Clock edges are defined as shown below.



The clock edges which trigger transitions on each 8208 output are tabulated in Table 9. "H" refers to the high-going transition, and "L" to low-going transition.

Clock 0 is defined as the clock in which the 8208 begins a memory cycle, either as a result of a port request which has just arrived, or of a port request which was stored previously but could not be serviced at the time of its arrival because the 8208 was performing another memory cycle. Clock 0 is identified externally by the leading edge of RAS, which is always triggered on 0.

Table 8. 8208 Configurations

Timing Conf.	CFS(PD0)	RFS(PD2)	FFS(PD7)	Wait States*
C <sub>0</sub>	iAPX286(1)	FAST RAM(1)	16 MHz(1)	0
C <sub>1</sub>	iAPX286(1)	SLOW RAM(0)	16 MHz(1)	1
C <sub>0</sub>	iAPX286(1)	FAST RAM(1)	12 MHz (0)	0
C <sub>0</sub>	iAPX286(1)	SLOW RAM(0)	12 MHz (0)	0
C <sub>2</sub>	iAPX186(0)	DON'T CARE	DON'T CARE	0

\* Using EAACK (synchronous mode)

Table 9. Timing Chart

Cn	Cycle	RAS		ADDRESS		CAS		WE		EAACK		LAACK		XACK	
		L	H	Col	Row	L	H	H	L	L	H	L	H	L	H
0	RD,RF	0↓	3↓	0↓	2↓	1↓	4↓			1↓	4↓	2↓	5↓	3↓	RD
	WR	0↓	5↓	0↓	3↓	2↓	5↓	1↓	5↓	1↓	4↓	1↓	4↓	3↓	WR
1	RD,RF	0↓	4↓	0↓	3↓	1↓	6↓			2↓	5↓	2↓	5↓	4↓	RD
	WR	0↓	5↓	0↓	3↓	2↓	5↓	1↓	5↓	1↓	4↓	1↓	4↓	3↓	WR
2	RD,RF	0↓	2↓	0↓	2↓	0↓	3↓			0↓	2↓	1↓	3↓	2↓	RD
	WR	0↓	4↓	0↓	3↓	1↓	4↓	0↓	4↓	0↓	2↓	1↓	3↓	2↓	WR

### NOTES FOR INTERPRETING THE TIMING CHART:

1. COLUMN ADDRESS is the time column address becomes valid.
2. The CAS, EAACK, LAACK and XACK outputs are not issued during refresh.
3. XACK—high is reset asynchronously by command going inactive and not by a clock edge.
4. EAACK is used in synchronous mode, LAACK and XACK in asynchronous mode.
5. ADDRESS-Row is the clock edge where the 8208 A0 switches from current column address to the next row address.
6. If a cycle is inhibited by PCTL = 1 (Multibus I/F mode) then CAS is not activated during write cycle and XACK is not activated in either read or write cycles.

## 8208—DRAM Interface Parameter Equations

Several DRAM parameters, but not all, are a direct function of 8208 timings, and the equations for these parameters are given in the following tables. The following is a list of those DRAM parameters which have NOT been included in the following tables, with an explanation for their exclusion.

### WRITE CYCLE

tDS: system-dependent parameter.  
tDH: system-dependent parameter.  
tDHR: system-dependent parameter.

### READ, WRITE REFRESH CYCLES

tRAC: response parameter.  
tCAC: response parameter.  
tREF: See "Refresh Period Options".  
tCRP: must be met only if CAS-only cycles, which do not occur with 8208, exist.  
tRAH: See "A.C. Characteristics"  
tRCD: See "A.C. Characteristics"  
tASC: See "A.C. Characteristics"  
tASR: See "A.C. Characteristics"  
tOFF: response parameter.

Table 10. Programmable Timings

#### Read and Refresh Cycles

Parameter	C2-Slow Cycle	C0-Fast Cycle	C1-Fast Cycle	Notes
tRP	2TCLCL-T25	3TCLCL-T25	3TCLCL-T25	1
tCPN	1.5TCLCL-T34	3TCLCL-T34	2TCLCL-T34	1
tRSH	2TCLCL-T32	2TCLCL-T33	3TCLCL-T33	1
tCSH	3TCLCL-T25	4TCLCL-T25	6TCLCL-T25	1
tCAH	2TCLCL-T32	TCLCL-T33	2TCLCL-T33	1
tAR	2TCLCL-T25	2TCLCL-T25	3TCLCL-T25	1
tT	3/30	3/30	3/30	2
tRC	4TCLCL	6TCLCL	7TCLCL	1
tRAS	2TCLCL-T25	3TCLCL-T25	4TCLCL-T25	1
tCAS	3TCLCL-T32	3TCLCL-T33	5TCLCL-T33	1
tRCS	1.5TCLCL-TCL-T36-TBUF	2TCLCL-TCL-T36-TBUF	2TCLCL-TCL-T36-TBUF	1
tRCH	TCLCL-T32 & T36 MIN	TCLCL-T32	TCLCL-T32	1

#### Write Cycles

Parameter	C2-Slow Cycle	C0-Fast Cycle	C1-Fast Cycle	Notes
tRP	2TCLCL-T25	3TCLCL-T25	3TCLCL-T25	1
tCPN	2.5TCLCL-T34	4TCLCL-T34	4TCLCL-T34	1
tRSH	3TCLCL-T32	3TCLCL-T33	3TCLCL-T33	1
tCSH	4TCLCL-T25	5TCLCL-T25	5TCLCL-T25	1
tCAH	2TCLCL-T32	TCLCL-T33	TCLCL-T33	1
tAR	3TCLCL-T25	3TCLCL-T25	3TCLCL-T25	1
tT	3/30	3/30	3/30	2
tRC	6TCLCL	8TCLCL	8TCLCL	1
tRAS	4TCLCL-T25	5TCLCL-T25	5TCLCL-T25	1
tCAS	3TCLCL-T32	3TCLCL-T33	3TCLCL-T33	1
tWCH	3TCLCL-T32	3TCLCL-T33	3TCLCL-T33	1,3
tWCR	4TCLCL-T25	5TCLCL-T25	5TCLCL-T25	1,3
tWP	4TCLCL-T36-TBUF	4TCLCL-T36-TBUF	4TCLCL-T36-TBUF	1
tRWL	4TCLCL-T36-TBUF	4TCLCL-T36-TBUF	4TCLCL-T36-TBUF	1
tCWL	4TCLCL-T36-TBUF	4TCLCL-T36-TBUF	4TCLCL-T36-TBUF	1
tWCS	TCLCL-T36-TBUF	TCLCL-T36-TBUF	TCLCL-T36-TBUF	1

#### NOTES:

1. Minimum.
2. Value on right is maximum; value on left is minimum.
3. Applies to the eight warm-up cycles during initialization.

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Ambient Temperature	
Under Bias	−0°C to +70°C
Storage Temperature	−65°C to +150°C
Voltage On Any Pin With Respect to Ground	−0.5V to +7V
Power Dissipation	1.7 Watts

*\*Notice: Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.*

**NOTICE:** Specifications contained within the following tables are subject to change.

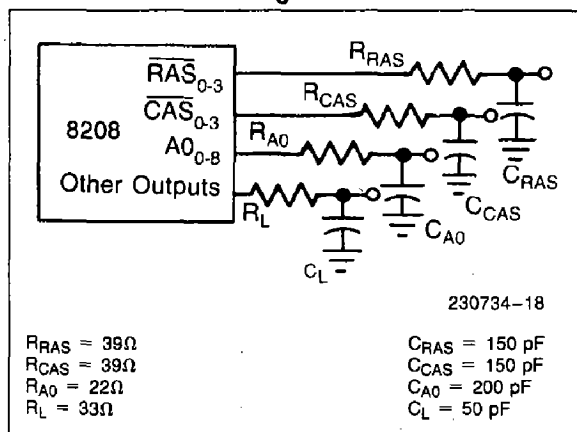
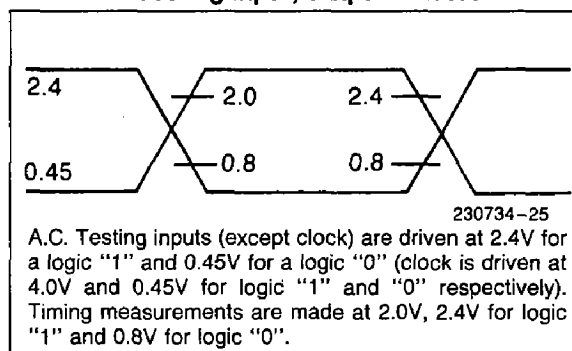
**D.C. CHARACTERISTICS**  $T_A = 0^\circ\text{C to } 70^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $V_{CC} = 5.0\text{V} \pm 10\%$ ;  $V_{SS} = \text{GND}$ 

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Units	Comments
$V_{IL}$	Input Low Voltage	−0.5	+0.8	V	
$V_{IH}$	Input High Voltage	2.0	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	V	
$V_{OL}$	Output Low Voltage		0.45	V	Note 1
$V_{OH}$	Output High Voltage	2.4		V	Note 1
$V_{ROL}$	RAM Output Low Voltage		0.45	V	Note 1
$V_{ROH}$	RAM Output High Voltage	2.6		V	Note 1
$I_{CC}$	Supply Current		300	mA	$T_A = 0^\circ\text{C}$
$I_{LI}$	Input Leakage Current		+10	$\mu\text{A}$	$0\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq V_{CC}$
$V_{CL}$	Clock Input Low Voltage	−0.5	+0.6	V	
$V_{CH}$	Clock Input High Voltage	3.8	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	V	
$C_{IN}$	Input Capacitance		20	pF	$f_c = 1\text{ MHz}$

**NOTE 1:**

$I_{OL} = 5\text{ mA}$  and  $I_{OH} = -0.32\text{ mA}$  (Typically  $I_{OL} = 10\text{ mA}$ )

WE:  $I_{OL} = 8\text{ mA}$

**A.C. Testing Load Circuit****A.C. Testing Input, Output Waveform**



**A.C. CHARACTERISTICS** ( $T_A = 0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $70^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $V_{CC} = +5\text{V} \pm 10\%$ ,  $V_{SS} = 0\text{V}$ )

Measurements made with respect to  $\text{RAS}_{0-1}$ ,  $\text{CAS}_{0-1}$ ,  $\text{AO}_{0-8}$ , are at +2.4V and 0.8V. All other pins are measured at 2.0V and 0.8V. All times are ns unless otherwise indicated. Testing done with specified test load.

Ref	Symbol	Parameter	8208-16, 8208 (FFS = 1)		8208-12, 8208-6 (FFS = 0)		Units	Notes
			Min	Max	Min	Max		
CLOCK AND PROGRAMMING								
	tF	Clock Fall Time		10		10	ns	3
	tR	Clock Rise Time		10		10	ns	3
1	TCLCL	Clock Period						
		8208-16	62.5	250			ns	1
		8208-12			83.3	250	ns	1
		8208	125	500			ns	2
		8208-6			167	500	ns	2
2	TCL	Clock Low Time						
		8208-16	15	230			ns	1
		8208-12			20	225	ns	1
		8208	TCLCL/2-12				ns	2
		8208-6			TCLCL/2-12		ns	2
3	TCH	Clock High Time						
		8208-16	20	230			ns	1
		8208-12			25	230	ns	1
		8208	TCLCL/3+2				ns	2
		8208-6			TCLCL/3+2		ns	2
4	TRTVCL	Reset to CLK ↓ Setup	40		65		ns	4
5	TRTH	Reset Pulse Width	4TCLCL		4TCLCL		ns	
6	TPGVRTL	PCTL, PDI, RFRQ to RESET ↓ Setup	125		167		ns	5
7	TRTLPGX	PCTL, RFRQ to RESET ↓ Hold	10		10		ns	
8	TCLPC	PCLK from CLK ↓ Delay		45		55	ns	
9	TPDVCL	PDI to CLK ↓ Setup	60		85		ns	
10	TCLPDX	PDI to CLK ↓ Hold	40		55		ns	6
SYNCHRONOUS μP PORT INTERFACE								
11	TPEVCL	PE to CLK ↓ Setup	30		40			2
12	TKVCL	RD, WR, PE, PCTL to CLK ↓ Setup	20		25		ns	1
13	TCLKX	RD, WR, PE, PCTL to CLK ↓ Hold	0		0		ns	
14	TKVCH	RD, WR, PCTL to CLK ↑ Setup	20		30		ns	2

# A.C. CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

Ref	Symbol	Parameter	8208-16, 8208 (FFS = 1)		8208-12, 8208-6 (FFS = 0)		Units	Notes
			Min	Max	Min	Max		
ASYNCHRONOUS $\mu$ P PORT INTERFACE								
15	TRWVCL	$\overline{RD}$ , $\overline{WR}$ to CLK $\downarrow$ Setup	20		30		ns	8.9
16	TRWL	$\overline{RD}$ , $\overline{WR}$ Pulse Width	2TCLCL + 30		2TCLCL + 40		ns	
17	TRWLPEV	$\overline{PE}$ from $\overline{RD}$ , $\overline{WR}$ $\downarrow$ Delay CFS = 1 CFS = 0		TCLCL-20 TCLCL-30		TCLCL-30 TCLCL-40	ns ns	1 2
18	TRWLPEX	$\overline{PE}$ to $\overline{RD}$ , $\overline{WR}$ $\downarrow$ Hold	2TCLCL + 30		2TCLCL + 40		ns	
19	TRWLPTV	PCTL from $\overline{RD}$ , $\overline{WR}$ $\downarrow$ Delay		TCLCL-30		TCLCL-40	ns	2
20	TRWLPTX	PCTL to $\overline{RD}$ , $\overline{WR}$ $\downarrow$ Hold	2TCLCL + 30		2TCLCL + 40		ns	2
21	TRWLPTV	PCTL from $\overline{RD}$ , $\overline{WR}$ $\downarrow$ Delay		2TCLCL-20		2TCLCL-30	ns	1
22	TRWLPTX	PCTL to $\overline{RD}$ , $\overline{WR}$ $\downarrow$ Hold	3TCLCL + 30		3TCLCL + 40		ns	1
RAM INTERFACE								
23	TAVCL	AL, AH, BS to CLK $\downarrow$ Setup	45 + tASR		55 + tASR		ns	10
24	TCLAX	AL, AH, BS to CLK $\downarrow$ Hold	0		0		ns	
25	TCLRSL	RAS $\downarrow$ from CLK $\downarrow$ Delay		35		45	ns	
26	TRCD	RAS to $\overline{CAS}$ Delay CFS = 1 CFS = 0 CFS = 0	TCLCL-25 TCLCL/2-25 75		TCLCL-30 TCLCL/2-30 60		ns ns ns	1, 14 2, 11, 14 2, 12, 14
27	TCLRSH	RAS $\uparrow$ from CLK $\downarrow$ Delay		50		60	ns	
28	TRAH	CFS = 1 CFS = 0 CFS = 0	TCLCL/2-13 TCLCL/4-10 40		TCLCL/2-15 TCLCL/4-15 35		ns ns ns	1, 13, 15 2, 11, 15 2, 12, 15
29	TASR	Row A0 to $\overline{CAS}$ Hold						10, 16
30	TASC	Column A0 to $\overline{CAS}$ $\downarrow$ Setup CFS = 1 CFS = 0	2 5		5 5		ns ns	1, 13, 17, 18 2, 13, 17, 18
31	TCAH	Column A0 to $\overline{CAS}$ Hold	(See DRAM Interface Tables)					
32	TCLCSL	$\overline{CAS}$ $\downarrow$ from CLK $\downarrow$ Delay CFS = 0	TCLCL/4 + 30	TCLCL/1.8 + 53	TCLCL/4 + 30	TCLCL/1.8 + 72	ns	2
33	TCLCSL	$\overline{CAS}$ $\downarrow$ from CLK $\downarrow$ Delay CFS = 1		35		40	ns	1
34	TCLCSH	$\overline{CAS}$ $\uparrow$ from CLK $\downarrow$ Delay		50		60	ns	
35	TCLWL	WE $\downarrow$ from CLK $\downarrow$ Delay		35		45	ns	
36	TCLWH	WE $\uparrow$ from CLK $\downarrow$ Delay CFS = 0 CFS = 1	TCLCL/4 + 30	TCLCL/1.8 + 53 35	TCLCL/4 + 30	TCLCL/1.8 + 72 45	ns ns	2 1
37	TCLTKL	XACK $\downarrow$ from CLK $\downarrow$ Delay		35		45	ns	

# A.C. CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

Ref	Symbol	Parameter	8208-16, 8208 (FFS = 1)		8208-12, 8208-6 (FFS = 0)		Units	Notes
			Min	Max	Min	Max		
RAM INTERFACE (Continued)								
38	TRWLTKH	XACK ↑ from RD ↑, WR ↑ Delay		50		55	ns	
39	TCLAKL	AACK ↓ from CLK ↓ Delay		35		35	ns	
40	TCLAKH	AACK ↑ from CLK ↓ Delay		50		60	ns	
REFRESH REQUEST								
41	TRFVCL	RFRQ to CLK ↓ Setup	20		30		ns	
42	TCLRFH	RFRQ to CLK ↓ Hold	10		10		ns	
43	TFRFH	Failsafe RFRQ Pulse Width	TCLCL + 30		TCLCL + 50		ns	19
44	TRFXCL	Single RFRQ Inactive to CLK ↓ Setup	20		30		ns	20
45	TBRFH	Burst RFRQ Pulse Width	2TCLCL + 30		2TCLCL + 50		ns	19

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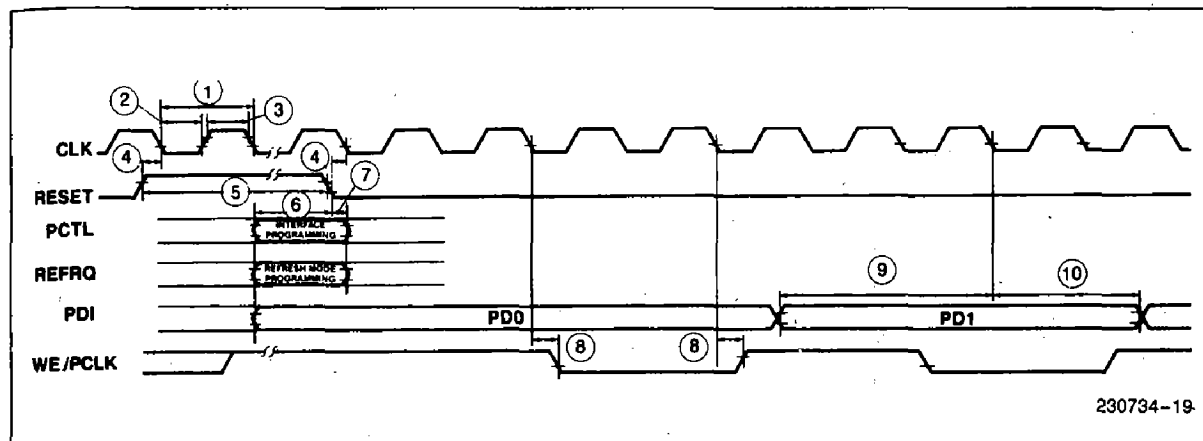
$A_{0-8}$        $R = 22\Omega$        $C = 200\text{ pF}$   
 $RAS_{0-1}, CAS_{0-1}$        $R = 39\Omega$        $C = 150\text{ pF}$   
 $AACK, WE/CLK$        $R = 33\Omega$        $C = 50\text{ pF}$

## NOTES:

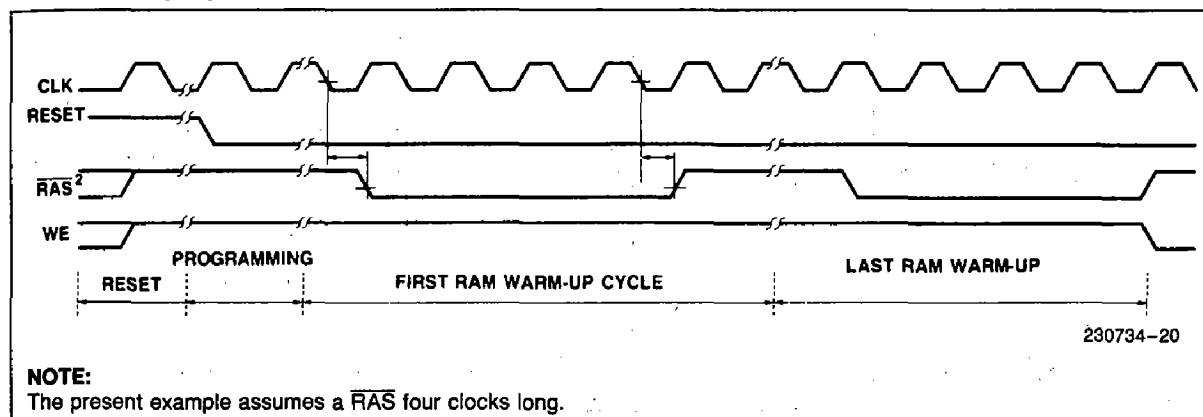
1. Specification when programmed in the Fast Cycle processor mode (iAPX 286 mode). 8208-16, -12 only.
2. Specification when programmed in the Slow Cycle processor mode (iAPX 186 mode). 8208-8, -6 only.
3. tR and tF are referenced from the 3.5V and 1.0V levels.
4. RESET is internally synchronized to CLK. Hence a set-up time is required only to guarantee its recognition at a particular clock edge.
5. The first programming bit (PD0) is also sampled by RESET going low.
6. TCLPDX is guaranteed if programming data is shifted using PCLK.
8. TRWVCL is not required for an asynchronous command except to guarantee its recognition at a particular clock edge.
9. Valid when programmed in either Fast or Slow Cycle mode.
10. tASR is a user specified parameter and its value should be added accordingly to TAVCL.
11. When programmed in Slow Cycle mode and  $125\text{ ns} \leq TCLCL < 200\text{ ns}$ .
12. When programmed in Slow Cycle mode and  $200\text{ ns} \leq TCLCL$ .
13. Specification for Test Load conditions.
14.  $tRCD(\text{actual}) = tRCD(\text{specification}) + 0.06(\Delta C_{RAS}) - 0.06(\Delta C_{CAS})$  where  $\Delta C = C(\text{test load}) - C(\text{actual})$  in pF. (These are first order approximations.)
15.  $tRAH(\text{actual}) = tRAH(\text{specification}) + 0.06(\Delta C_{RAS}) - 0.022(\Delta C_{A0})$  where  $\Delta C = C(\text{test load}) - C(\text{actual})$  in pF. (These are first order approximations.)
16.  $tASR(\text{actual}) = tASR(\text{specification}) + 0.06(\Delta C_{A0}) - 0.025(\Delta C_{RAS})$  where  $\Delta C = C(\text{test load}) - C(\text{actual})$  in pF. (These are first order approximations.)
17.  $tASC(\text{actual}) = tASC(\text{specification}) + 0.06(\Delta C_{A0}) - 0.025(\Delta C_{CAS})$  where  $\Delta C(\text{test load}) - C(\text{actual})$  in pF. (These are first order approximations.)
18. tASC is a function of clock frequency and thus varies with changes in frequency. A minimum value is specified.
19. TFRFH and TBRFH pertain to asynchronous operation only.
20. Single RFRQ should be supplied synchronously to avoid burst refresh.

## WAVEFORMS

### Clock and Programming Timings



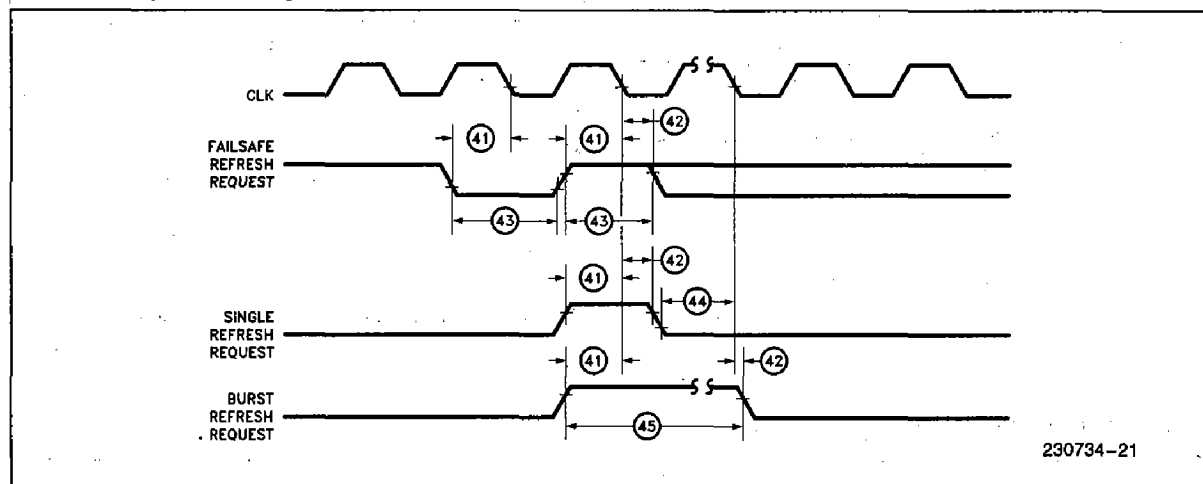
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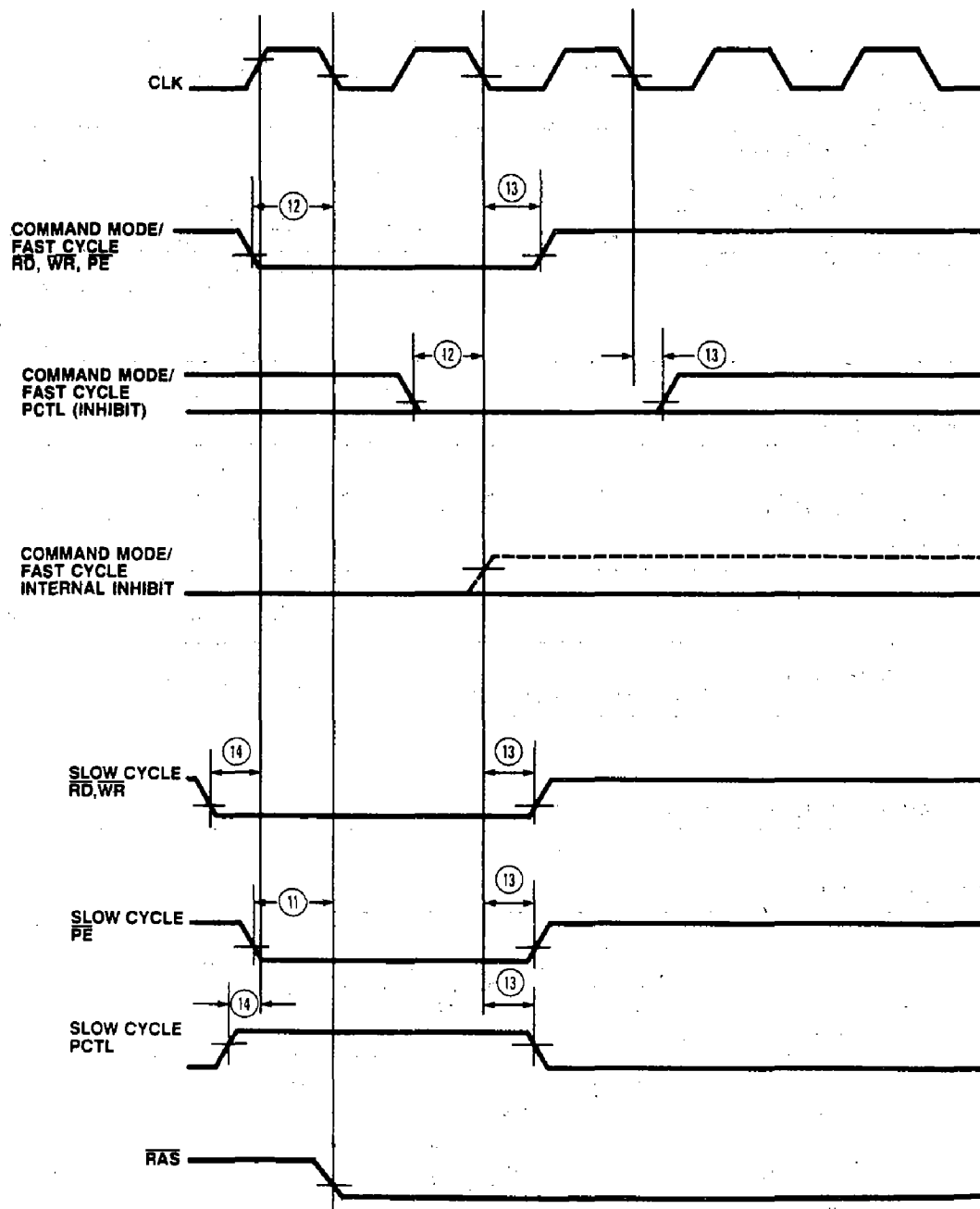
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### Refresh Request Timing



## WAVEFORMS (Continued)

## Synchronous Port Interface



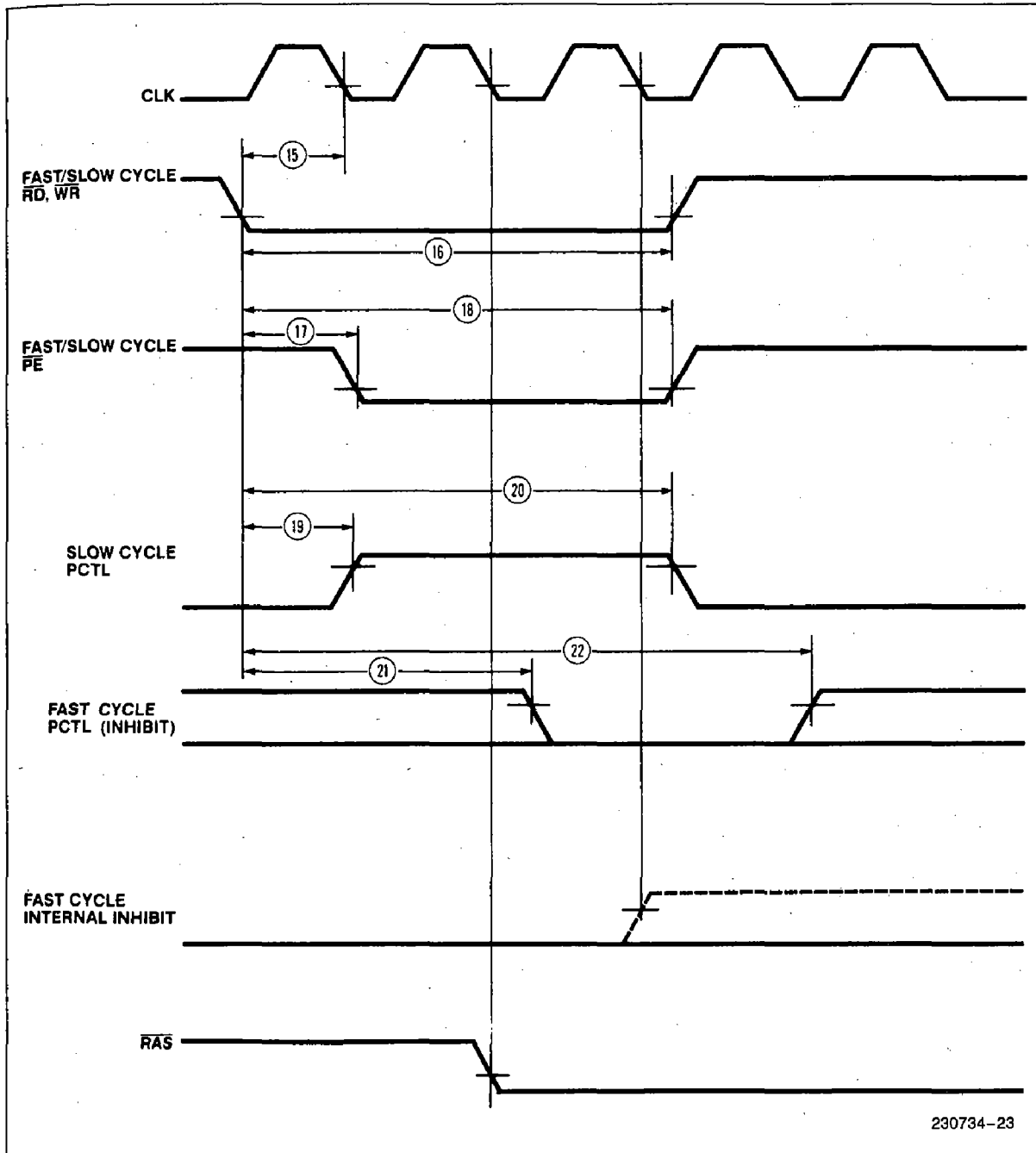
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**NOTE:**

Actual transitions are programmable. Refer to Tables 8 and 9.

## WAVEFORMS (Continued)

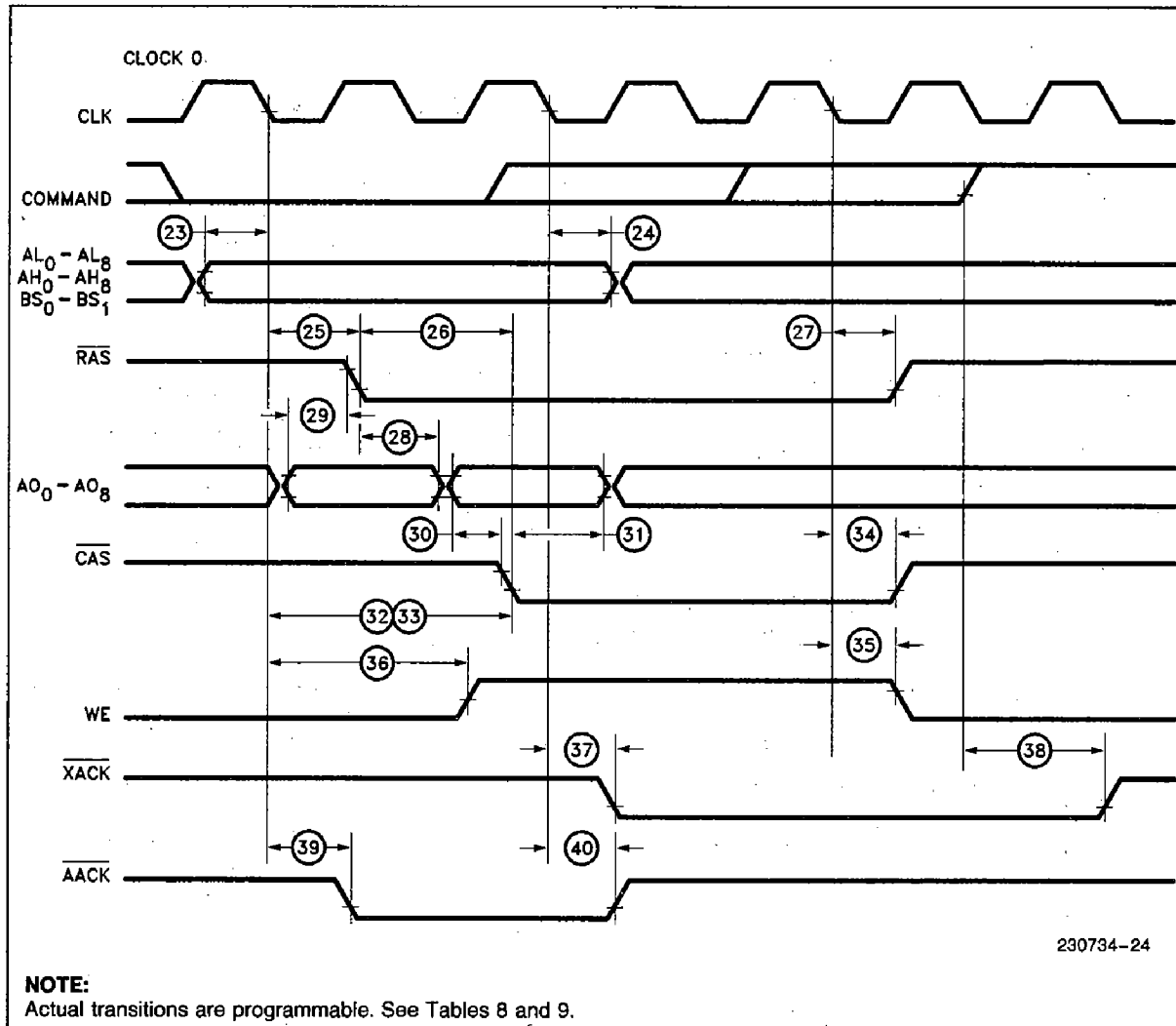
## Asynchronous Port Interface



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## RAM Interface Timing



**NOTE:**

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